

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A target document in a document processing system is annotated on the basis of annotations made previously to a source document. A source document (either a scanned image of a paper document or an electronic document) is annotated by a user to identify words or phrases of interest. The annotated words are extracted for use as keywords or phrases to search in future document. When a target document is processed, the target document is searched to locate any of the keywords of interest to the user. If any of the keywords are located, electronic annotations are applied to these in the target document for display or printing out and/or registered as keywords to the project. The automatically annotated words or phrases enable the user to locate regions of interest more quickly.

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